

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, commercial peach production originated in the Palmetto State more than 140 years ago, with the first out-of-state shipment believed to have occurred in the 1870's; and

WHEREAS, peach orchards support many rural communities across our state with a product that is distributed throughout the fresh peach market and processed into canned fruit and baby food; and

WHEREAS, peach growers in our state are flexible, adapting to changing market conditions and trends and contributing to the economic prosperity of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina growers continue to improve the quality of their peaches, contributing to a sweeter product commercially recognized as "The Tastier Peach."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 2005 as

PEACH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the peach industry as a valuable asset to our state's economy and to buy South Carolina peaches in support of the peach farmers in the Palmetto State.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA